

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 862

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Nashville Symphony on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those fine institutions that bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State while promoting the importance of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, one such laudable institution is the Nashville Symphony, which is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, currently led by music director Giancarlo Guerrero, the Nashville Symphony has been an integral part of Music City since 1946; and

WHEREAS, Schermerhorn Symphony Center, the orchestra's home since 2006, is considered one of the world's finest acoustical venues; named in honor of former music director Kenneth Schermerhorn and located in the heart of downtown Nashville, the building boasts distinctive neo-Classical architecture incorporating motifs and design elements that pay homage to the history, culture, and people of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in a typical year, the ensemble performs more than 150 classical, pops, and family concerts annually, with a focus on contemporary American orchestral music through collaborations with composers, including Jennifer Higdon, Terry Riley, Joan Tower, and Aaron Jay Kernis; and

WHEREAS, the orchestra is equally renowned for its commissioning and recording projects with Nashville-based artists, including bassist Edgar Meyer, banjoist Béla Fleck, singer-songwriter Ben Folds, electric bassist Victor Wooten, and composer C.F. Kip Winger; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Symphony remains one of the most prolific recording orchestras in the country, with some forty releases encompassing a wide range of repertoire

and with those recordings having earned fourteen GRAMMY® Awards and twenty-seven nominations; and

WHEREAS, education and community engagement have been at the core of the Nashville Symphony's mission since its founding; each year, the organization reaches tens of thousands of children and adults through an array of free and low-cost programs, including Young People's Concerts for K-12 students; sectional and strings lessons for band and orchestra students; free community concerts; and Is It a Fiddle or a Violin?, its signature collaboration with the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Nashville Symphony launched Accelerando, an initiative designed to prepare young musicians from underrepresented communities for careers in music; since Accelerando began, the Symphony has worked with forty students, with eight alumni of the program now studying music performance at the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, contributing to Tennessee's long and rich music history, the Nashville Symphony relishes its remarkable record of achievement, inspiring applause from the arts community across the nation and bringing honor to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the Nashville Symphony on the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary while commending its invaluable contributions to the artistic and cultural life of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.